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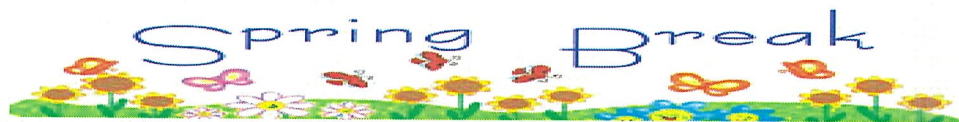


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## Newsletter for February 29, 2024

### UPCOMING MARCH REMINDERS!

- March 5 – Dress up like your favourite Celebrity Day! – Popcorn Day
- March 6/7 - Skiing @ Snow Valley
- March 7 – Spirit Wear day
- March 8 – PD Day – No School
- March 12 – Dental Health Unit in for Gr. K-1-2
- March 13 – Kindergarten day (Kindergartens start 3 days a week)  
School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- March 14 – Hotdog day – Spirit Wear day
- March 15 – Report Cards Go Home!
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 – Pti's – 5 pm-8:30 pm
- March 21 – Assembly @ 2:05 – Secret Twin Dress Up Day!  
Pizza Hot Lunch and Pti's – 4 pm-6:30 pm
- March 22 – Last Day before Spring Break
- March 25-29 – Spring Break
- April 2 – School Resumes



## Principal's Message

We almost escaped February with a great weather record until this last week! We definitely cannot complain and need to keep our farmers in mind when we get a dump of snow. I am sure you can talk to many farmers and they will tell you we need more moisture! Hopefully the snow sticks around and we can schedule our Winter Carnival for the next possible nice day of weather. This is usually done on short notice so be prepared. As always, many events take place during February. We had trustee tours, teacher's convention, free pancake lunch, hot chocolate and candy sales, dress up days, family day long weekend, a couple of collaborative team meetings, basketball practices and many of the students' hockey season is winding down! Speaking of basketball, we want to wish our Rhinos basketball teams luck next Saturday, March 9th as they head to the Onoway Jr./Sr. High School to compete against Onoway, Grasmere, and Darwell. Go Rhinos! We have 59 students skiing/snowboarding at Snow Valley in Edmonton on March 6/7th. Just a reminder, students in grades 4-7 are able to attend by themselves but younger students require an adult attend at the hill if they wish to join us. Our second round of report cards will be coming home on March 15th and parent teacher interviews will take place on March 20th and 21st. The interviews are a great opportunity to share your child's hard work and their successes and challenges in their educational journey. Thank you to all the parents that completed the Alberta Governments Assurance Survey. Your time and dedication in filling out the survey is appreciated! March is going to be busy as well so hopefully everyone enjoys all the activities!

Rod Peterson



FEBRUARY 2024

# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

RICH VALLEY SCHOOL

## LITERACY

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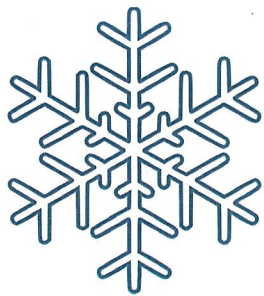
#### THINGS TO DO AT HOME:

- Practice counting objects/groups of objects
- Identifying numbers to 10.
- Subitizing (looking at a dice and knowing the amount shown without counting the dots).

This month was a short but busy one! The letters R, H and J were studied. Please continue to practice the letters studied so far at home. Your child should be able to name the letter and say the sound as well. We also would like to thank you for your support with the at home reading! Please continue to read them with your child and then send them back the next day. This month we also have reviewed previously learned letters/sounds, worked on beginning sounds students have been working on rhyming words. We will continue to work on these skills!

***Reminder:*** We will be starting our 3 days a week of kindergarten the week of March 12. I have sent home another copy of the calendar.





# Grade 1 February Newsletter



## Language Arts

We are focusing on understanding the structure of a good story/narrative. The students have been reading and discussing what comes first, next, last (beginning, middle and end), as well as problems and resolutions. Slowly, the Grade Ones will learn how to plan, and start writing their own stories!

## Math

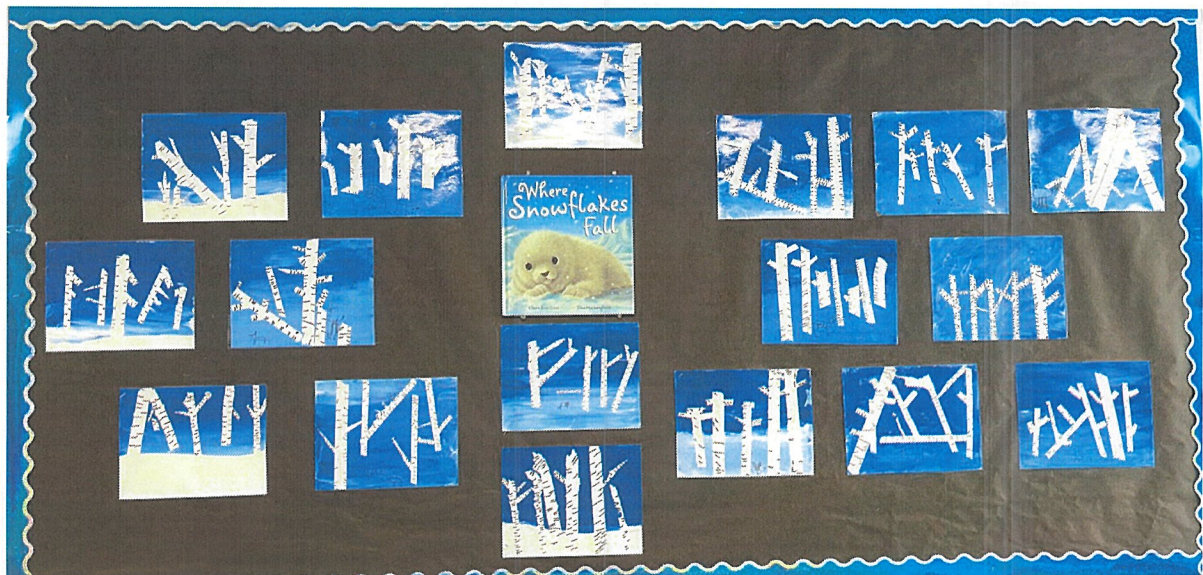
The grade ones have been learning and practicing recalling their knowledge of adding doubles ( $6+6=12$ ), to help them add numbers within 10. We are transitioning into understanding the concept and terminology of subtraction, in hopes to have them adding and subtracting comfortably within 20.

## Science

We are continuing on within our Seasons Unit. We have been relating the changes in the appearance of plants and animals to the seasons, as well as describing how seasonal changes affect decisions about daily activities.

## Social

In Social Studies, we have continued to discuss community and how our actions and decisions contribute to the well-being of groups, and natural environment of our community.



Mrs. Zolmer

February 29th, 2024

## Grade 2/3 News

### Valentine's Day, 100th Day, and Math

This month may have been short, but it was a busy one! We celebrated Valentine's Day and 100th Day within the same week. For Valentine's Day, we incorporated kindness into different activities. During Health, the students were given 3 different coloured strips of paper (red, pink, and white). On the red piece, they wrote what they love about home. On the pink piece, they wrote about what they love about school and on the white piece, they wrote about what they love about themselves. Once the students were finished, they were linked together

er to make a chain and hung at the front of the class. During Math, the students created fraction chocolates. They did a great job colouring, writing, and saying their fractions.

For 100th Day, we counted stickers for our headbands in math, searched for 100 Hershey kisses around the classroom and 10's in the hallway, shared our 100<sup>th</sup> Day projects, turned the number "100" into something and wrote about it, and finally celebrated with ice cream cake!

In Math, the Grade 2's worked on finishing up

their unit on fractions. They completed their "Show What You Know" and will be transitioning into their measurement unit.



100th Day Celebration



#### Special points of interest:

- March 5th- Celebrity Day/ Popcorn Day
- March 6/7th- Skiing
- March 8th- PD Day (No School)
- March 13th- School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- March 14th- Hot Dog Day
- March 15th- Report Cards
- March 20th- PTI's 5:00-8:30
- March 21st- PTI's 4-6:30
- March 21st- Secret Twin Day

### Grade 3 Language Arts and Art

This month, the Grade 3 students have been reading their way through Charlotte's Web. Prior to reading the designated chapters with their partner, the students are exposed to the questions they will need to answer. Doing

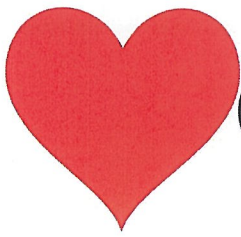
this helps the students look for the answers as they are reading.

The Grade 3 students are also practicing their cursive writing. We are practicing the proper formation of letters as well as working on writing 3 letter words with

the letters we have learned thus far.

In Art, the students continued to learn about Andy Warhol and pop art. They coloured their own version Warhol's famous piece and they turned out awesome.

Charlotte's  
Web



# Grade 4/5 Classroom News

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29, 2024

## CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

For the month of February students worked on their own expository writing. They picked a topic, completed research, planned, and typed their expository piece. Students picked some truly unique topics ranging from animals to book authors.

While working on their writing the class had mini lessons about how to write a good paragraph, using indentation, "rockin beginnings", engaging introductions, and finally writing a good conclusion.

For the month of March students will be working on a book club style of novel study. For this students will be placed into 4 groups, and each group will read a different book. They need to read together as a group, and complete various novel study activities for each set of chapters.

In March students will also write a newspaper article about a missing Leprechaun who has gotten lose in the school! This will give the class a chance to try a new form of writing!

## Grade 4 MATH UPDATE

This month students worked extremely hard on fractions. They learned about comparing and ordering fractions, equivalent fractions, and how to simplify fractions. Students showed great progress in their understanding of fractions, and use their division skills to simplify fractions into their simplest form. It is very important that students have a good understanding of fractions before beginning decimals.

After a fractions test this week, students will move onto decimals which will involve equivalent fractions, and a return to understanding place value.

## Grade 4 Science Update

This month students completed the "Building Devices and Vehicles that Move" science unit. Within this unit students had to build 4 different vehicles and compare how each worked. Students were able to successfully troubleshoot and fix any issues they saw with their cars, and built them with ease. Each vehicle was tested for the distance that is was able to cover. Our next science unit is "Light and Shadows".

## IMPORTANT DATES!

Dress Up like your Favourite

Celebrity

March 5

PD Day

March 8

Report Cards

March 15

Parent-Teacher Interviews

March 20 & 21



## Language Arts 5/6 and Social 6 with Mrs. Allen

### **Language Arts 5/6**

Both classes have gone onto new novel studies; the grade 5s are reading “Shiloh” and the grade 6s are reading “The Breadwinner.” Both are Alberta Education approved books and both have content that will expose the students to some deep and worthwhile conversations.

We have moved onto suffixes now in spelling. What does the suffix -ous do to the base word? What about the suffix -ful? Knowing what suffixes and prefixes do to a base word can help us solve words we’ve never seen before. We might not know what the words mean, until we break them down into their base and suffix/prefix.

We are still working on strong beginnings (hooks) in our Empowering Writers booklets, and will add on suspense clues soon. All the little lessons in the Empowering Writers will culminate into a short narrative story coming up in the next month.

### **Social 6**

The students wrote their Ancient Athens Democracy quiz and are now moving onto the Iroquois Confederacy. They will learn about the differing roles between men and women in the Iroquois Confederacy, and compare and contrast this to current times Canada, as well as Ancient Athens. They will also learn more about consensus, wampum belts, and the Great Law of Peace.

## Math 6, Science 6, and Art/Music 5/6 with Miss Bablitz

### **Math 6**

In Math we completed our Ratio & Percentage Unit. Many of the students started to make connections to ratios used in real life. I encourage you all to have the conversation with your child about where ratio and percentages are used or seen in everyday life. We are now working on the unit of Integers. By the end of the unit students will be able to identify, compare, add and subtract integers.

### **Science 6**

We have continued to work through the Sky Science Unit. Students have learned about the planets, asteroids, comets, meteors, objects that emit or reflect light, the sun, as well as stars and constellations. Students are currently completing their constellation projects and then we will be looking at reasons for seasons and moon phases to wrap up the unit.

### **Art 5/6**

Students have been doing extremely well on their art projects. This month we worked on Valentines Day art projects with abstract lines and patterns, we also completed a space science art piece with oil pastels that students have been looking forward to. Currently we are working on our paper “hugs” we are sending to a receipt of the child choice and then we are going to complete a hands on project focused on reconnection and conversation. The jars or containers you sent in will be decorated and sent home and I encourage you to ask your child about them and encourage further conversation. In March we will be completing a Celtic Knot paper project for St. Patrick's Day and Traditional Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating (Pysanky) for Easter.

# Grade 7

# News

## Important Dates

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Day
March 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Skiing @ Snow Valley
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day- No School
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball Tournament
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Home
March 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	P.T.I

## Classroom update

In Language Arts, we have continued with our Daily 5 activities where we focus on writing strategies, reading comprehension, vocabulary building and independent reading. We have also been working our way through a novel study called: Locked in Time. This novel is filled with foreshadowing and has allowed for great conversations about suspense. In math, we have just finished up our Circles & Area unit. This unit involved finding radius, diameter, circumference, and area. It also had us working with area of shapes such as parallelograms and triangles. Next up, we are learning how to add and subtract fractions. Over the last few weeks we have been studying heat and temperature. We began by talking about heat related technologies from the past and how they have changed over time. We also created videos about the Particle Model of Matter and have built confidence with terms such as kinetic energy, thermal energy, and the different ways that heat can be transferred. Stay tuned for some cool science experiments. In social, we are fast approaching Canadian Confederation as we take a close look at the American Revolution and the Great Migration.



# GOOD LUCK

Hi RVS, it is so nice to be back. If we haven't met before, I am Mrs. Benn, grade 7 teacher at RVS. I look forward to meeting and reconnecting with everyone very soon. Bring on Spring ☺

# Mrs. Wild's Grade 3s & 5s



## Grade 3 Math

The Grade 3s have completed their measurement unit, which involved measuring length in metric and imperial units, and measuring and calculating the perimeters of polygons. They are now expanding their knowledge of fractions with denominators up to 12. Keep practicing multiplication facts at home, as these will come in handy throughout this year, and in future grades as well.

## Grade 3 Science

In Science, the Grade 3s have been busy continuing to learn all about forces around us, and are beginning to explore the six simple machines that help to make work easier. See how many you can remember!

## Grade 3 Social

In Social, the Grade 3s continue to learn about the country of Ukraine. They have been studying natural resources and industry in Ukraine, and how this relates to the geography and culture of the country.

## Grade 5 Math

The Grade 5s have been learning to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. This year, they are also introduced to improper fractions and mixed numbers, and have been practicing converting these both ways. In March, we will begin our measurement unit where they will be calculating the areas of different rectangles. This will go hand in hand with our continued practice of multiplication facts!